

The recent actions of Clear Channel - providing "don't play" lists to stations based on political content; organizing and funding political demonstrations; seeking to damage particular performers by attacking them on-air and organizing protests against them - make clear the need to limit the number of stations owned or controlled by one organization. No surprise if Michael Powell doesn't see this as a problem, since his pro-conglomerate views are well-known. For the rest of us, it means that a corporation is using its virtually cost-free access to publicly owned frequencies to advance an agenda of intimidation and cultural coercion. How is the FCC serving the public interest, when it lets this appalling behavior continue? If NPR or PRI were engaging in these kind of actions, the outrage would fill the halls of government. Since it is a right-wing-oriented corporation violating their public trust: silence. I would appreciate some response on this issue.